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We have now completed the investigation occasioned by your letter of 18 July 1952 to General Smith, Director of General Intelligence. Your indignation at the cancellation without advance notice of the program in which

were participating is entirely understandable and General Seith has instructed me to thank you for calling this situation to his attention.

There has been an infortunate series of mistakes in the handling of this matter within this agency but no constructive purpose can be served by going over these errors now. Correspondence and conversations with the professors in question, which gave then every reason to assume their services would be required, were, in fact, unauthorized. The program was cancelled at the eleventh hour in a namer which certainly appears to be irresponsible.

The only justification that can be offered for the extremely late notice which the Agency gave to the prospective consultants is that it was better to keep them from coming to Mashington than to bring them here with nothing to do.

On one aspect of this matter on which you speculate, I can give you positive end, I think, helpful assurance.

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in no sense disqualifies a scholar for Old employment. We are well aware of the fact that most scholars in the Far East field are, or have at one time or another been, members of IFR, if for no other reason than, as you point out, to receive subscriptions to IFR publications.

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I as satisfied that no individual in this organization ever threatened I have located the man who had the talk with to which you refer, but he is as shocked at the implication that snything he said could have been interpreted as threatening Your research STAT bureau, or the College with loss of reputation as you are properly shocked by this report. As this talk was held at the request of Senator Perguson's office, after STAT had been there, it is clear that our man was making no ciliart to discourage from seeing the Senator, as you imply The mean of the discussion, written the same day, makes clear from seeing the Senator, as you imply. that the subject matter was, at request, perely STAT hypothetical, and directed at what our practice is in cases where security is involved. It is quite obvious that this entire situation has not

been wisely haveled within this Agency, and I can assure you that stops have been taken which should avoid a recurrence of such unfortunate misunderstandings. For your information. letters have been sent to Messra.

capressing the interest of the Agency in acquiring the material which they may have prepared in anticipation of their work here. We have a use for and a substantial interest in such material. I am hopeful that we can recompense the individuals for this valuable material on a basis which will be entirely satisfactory to them.

Thanking you again for calling this to our attention,

Very truly yours,

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Stuart Hedden Inspector General

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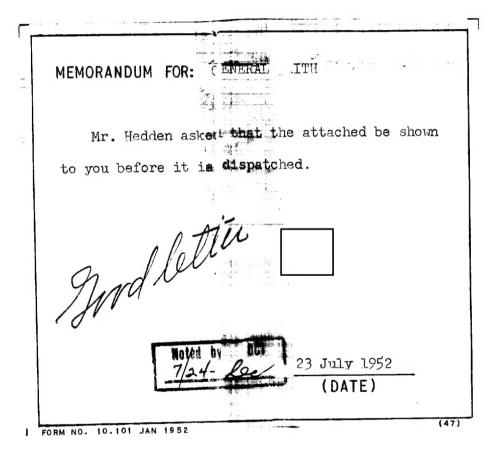
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